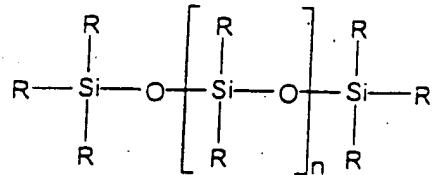


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) Surface coated hard material comprising single hard grain material having a hardness ( $HV_{0.2}$ )  $\geq 15$  GPa, the surface of which has a polysiloxane coating in an amount from 0.001 to 10%-wt relative to the hard material and of the formula:



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where R is hydrogen, an alkyl and/or phenyl group and ~~non-reactive as incorporated in the polysiloxane, and~~ n is an integer between 1 and 100.

2. canceled
3. (previously presented) The surface coated hard material as defined in Claim 1, wherein the hard material comprises aluminum oxide.
4. (previously presented) The surface coated hard material as defined in Claim 1, wherein the hard material is a material selected from the group consisting of electro-corundum, monocrystalline corundum, sintered corundum, sintered alumina, calcined alumina, or mixtures of these.
- 5-7. canceled
8. (previously presented) The surface coated hard material as defined in claim 1, wherein the R radical is preferably a methyl group.

9. canceled
10. (previously presented) The surface coated hard material as defined in claim 1, wherein the quantity of the polysiloxane amounts to 0.01 to 5%-Wt relative to the hard material that is used.
11. (previously presented) The surface coated hard material as defined in claim 1, wherein the quantity of the polysiloxane amounts to 0.1 to 1.5%-wt relative to the hard material that is used.
12. withdrawn
- 13-14. canceled
- 15-18. withdrawn
- 19-20. canceled